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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Guy W. Bemis, et al.
Application No. : Not Yet Assigned
Filed : Concurrently Herewith
For : INHIBITORS OF INTERLEUKIN-1 β CONVERTING ENZYME

New York, New York
June 21, 2001

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action in the above-identified application,
kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-75, 77-101, 108-117, and 119-124.

Please amend claim 76 as follows:

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